



GOOD NEWS FROM THE STATEHOUSE

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Job Growth Plan Revealed

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) revealed the state's strategic plan to encourage continued job growth in Indiana.

As this plan is implemented, IEDC will continue to work with Hoosiers throughout the state to ensure *Accelerating Growth* is tailored to meet the growing needs of their communities.

To read *Accelerating Growth*, click [here](#)

Indiana's Hot Streak Continues

*Indiana has already closed more deals to create new jobs in 2006 than it did during all of 2005.

*2005-2006 completed deals creating 500+ jobs: 12
2000-2004 completed deals creating 500+ jobs: 10

*from Jan. 1–Oct. 11, 2006 the IEDC closed deals that committed to create 17,346 jobs.

Investment Resources Focused on Indiana Businesses

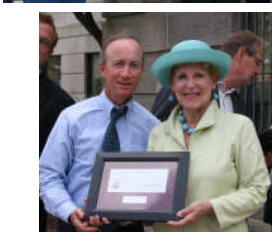
Governor Mitch Daniels and the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF) announced a plan to focus investment resources on quality Indiana businesses. The formation of the Indiana Investment Fund I will more than double the amount of investment capital specifically targeted at Indiana ventures.

Click [here](#) for more information.

"Major Opportunities" to increase Minority Construction Positions

Governor Daniels recently announced that training providers have been selected and registration for participation has begun for the new "Major Opportunities" pre-apprenticeship program designed to provide young Hoosiers, particularly minority workers, with the skills to succeed in the building and construction trades.

Click [here](#) to read more.



Governor Daniels presents Major Moves checks to various counties in Northern Indiana.

Major Moves Already Having A Positive Impact

Hoosiers are beginning to see the benefits of Major Moves.

\$240 million was distributed in September to 7 counties along the Toll Road. \$20 million was presented to RDA officials for use at the Gary/Chicago International Airport, the first of two \$75 million motor vehicle highway fund distributions was made October 13th, and ITR Concession Co. announced a \$250 million project, awarded to two Indiana companies, to add a lane in each direction on seven miles of the road in Lake County. Click [here](#) for more information.

More Hoosiers Receive Energy Assistance with Help Thy Neighbor Program

More Hoosiers will receive help with winter heating fuel costs this season from the state's Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and Governor Daniels' Help Thy Neighbor Fund.

Last winter the state's EAP served 158,881 households across Indiana, providing \$54.7 million, and the Help Thy Neighbor fund provided nearly \$3.4 million to help more than 16,400 households across Indiana. Click [here](#) to read more about these programs.

"Hoosier Homegrown" Energy Plan Aimed at Lowering Fuel Costs

Governor Mitch Daniels and Lt. Governor Becky Skillman recently outlined the vision and goals of Hoosier Homegrown Energy, a program aimed at decreasing Indiana's energy dependency, lowering fuel costs, and improving energy efficiency and infrastructure.

The state has dramatically grown its biofuels industry in the past 18 months, as Indiana has gone from 1 biofuels plant to 15. The Governor is confident the state will be equally successful in its pursuit of clean coal and biomass facilities. Click [here](#) for more information.

California Inmates to Provide Hoosier Jobs

A recent agreement between Governor Mitch Daniels and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger will provide 200 Hoosier jobs and \$6.2 million per year to Indiana's Department of Correction.

1,200 offenders from California will be housed in the underused New Castle Correctional Facility. Click [here](#) for more information.

Lt. Governor says Trade Mission a Success

Lt. Governor Skillman's recent trade mission to Taiwan and Vietnam to promote Indiana's growing food and agriculture market brought business to Indiana and surpassed all expectations of the delegation.

The trip resulted in the sale of Indiana products while delegates made important contacts for future business. To read more, click [here](#).

"Computerworld" Recognizes Indiana

The national trade magazine *Computerworld* recently reported on the work occurring inside Indiana state government to use information and systems technology in a far more efficient, business-like way.

Click [here](#) to read the full report on "How Indiana cleaned up its big IT mess."